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## AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed December 21, 2007 in the above case, please consider the remarks which follow.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 hereof.

Remarks begin on page 5 hereof.